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FM USINT BAGHDAD

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INFO USINT ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, XF, IZ

SUBJECT: HABBASH VISIT TO BAGHDAD

1. PFLP SEC GEN GEORGE HABBASH DEPARTED BAGHDAD FEB 27 AFTER EIGHT DAYS OF EXTENSIVE MEETINGS WITH BAATH LEADERS INCLUDING CALL ON PRESIDENT BAKR. JOINT BAATH NATIONAL LEADERSHIP-PFLP STATEMENT (ASSUME TEXT IN FBIS) CONDEMNED ALL RECENT PROPOSALS ON PALESTINE AS AIMED AT LIQUIDATING RESISTANCE MOVEMENT, RIDICULED U.S. ROLE AS MEDIATOR, AND DENOUNCED "IMPERIALIST" CONSPIRACIES AND ROLE OF IRAN IN ARAB GULF.

2. HABBASH ADDRESSED MASS STUDENT RALLY AT MUSTANSIRIYA UNIVERSITY FEB 26 AT WHICH, JUDGING BY TV CLIPS, HE HAD LARGE  
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ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCE. ACCORDING TO PRESS HABBASH EXTOLLED

IRAQI ROLE IN SUPPORT OF REVOLUTIONARY STAND OF PFLP, ALF, POPULAR FRONT (GENERAL COMMAND) AND POPULAR STRUGGLE FRONT WHICH ARE FIGHTING KISSINGER SCHEMES. HE SAID "OUR MAIN ENEMY IS AMERICAN IMPERIALISM" AND ONLY SOUND ATTITUDE IS "NO" TO CAPITULATION, "NO" TO RESOLUTION 242 AND "NO" TO GENEVA CONFERENCE.

3. REPORT THAT GOI EXPELLED FATAH AND DPFLP FROM PALESTINIAN "POLITICAL COMMITTEE" ESTABLISHED IN BAGHDAD IN DECEMBER 1972 IS GIVEN CREDENCE BY FACT THAT HABBASH VISIT HANDLED BY BAATH PARTY AND PLO HEAD ABU NIDHAL NOT MENTIONED.

4. COMMENT: LAVISH ATTENTION GIVEN TO HABBASH SEEMED DESIGNED TO CONVINCE PRTY MILITANTS THAT REGIME REMAINS TRUE TO BAAATH REVOLUTIONARY AND "ANTI-IMPERIALIST" PRINCIPLES DESPITE RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS WITH FRG AND BOOMING ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH WESTERN COUNTRIES. THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE PFLP AND OTHER SPLINTER GGROUPOUS ARE LIKELY TO RECEIVE ANY FREEDOM OF ACTION IN IRAQ. LOWRIE

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